IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	: 09/619,391	Confirmation No.	: 2663
First Named Inventor	: Roman SCHERTLER		
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Examiner	: MARC Q. JIMENEZ		
Docket No.	: 080310.40901C2		
Customer No.	: 23911		
Title	: Vacuum Process Apparatus		

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is a bona fide response to the communication mailed on or after January 5, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

States and is authorized to bind the assignee. For the record, we attached

excerpts from a treatise entitled <u>Company Law in Europe</u> (Kluver-Harrap 1975)

briefly summarizing the corporate law of Liechtenstein as it relates to an

Aktiengesellschaft. The attached unexecuted Third Supplemental Declaration

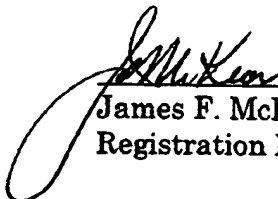will be submitted after execution to reflect Mr. Haefeli's title as a Board member.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amendment is now fully

compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. Early and favorable action is thus earnestly

solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in

general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this

should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as

a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.40901C2).

Respectfully submitted,

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